



ATTACHMENT A Remarks

Claims 26-32 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 20-25 and added new claims 26-32.

In the Restriction Requirement mailed January 5, 2005, it was alleged that the present application includes three patentably distinct species identified as claims 20 and 21 directed to a method of making a multi-piece golf ball wherein the cover is vulcanized; claims 22 and 24 directed to a method of making a multi-piece golf ball where the intermediate layer is press molded; and claims 23 and 25 directed to a method of making a multi-piece golf ball wherein the intermediate layer is injection molded.

By this Third Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have added a new generic claim, new claim 26 and added new claims 27-32 corresponding to now canceled claims 20-25, respectively.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, as an initial point, Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction was improperly based upon species identified by the claims and not identified by the Figures. For example, Figures 13-16 depict both the vulcanization and press molding steps of the present invention which correspond to new generic claim 26 and new dependent claims 27-29 and 31. Figure 17 depicts the injection molding step as recited in claims 30 and 32. Accordingly, claims 26-29 and 31 are species readable on the embodiment of Figures 13-16.

Finally, in order to compete Applicants' response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the species of new claims 29 and 31.

END REMARKS